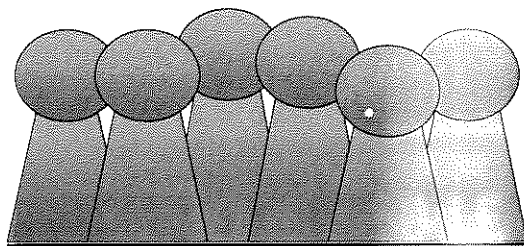


Palisades Charter High School's
**Associated Student Body
Leadership Class**

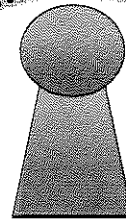
WHO IS ASB LEADERSHIP?



23 STUDENTS



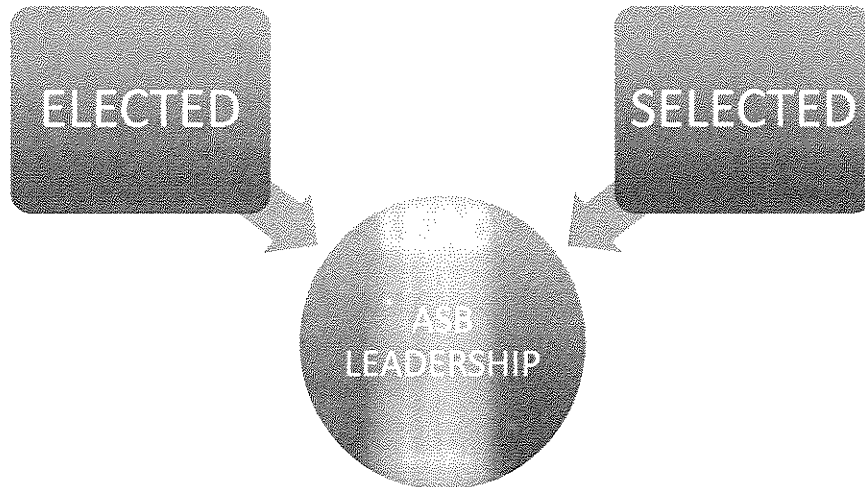
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ADVISOR

We meet period 2 in G101

JOINING THE LEADERSHIP CLASS



ASB OFFICERS

- ASB President – Eeman Khorramian
- ASB Vice President – Abby Yarger
- ASB Secretary – Eunice Lee
- ASB Treasurer – David Shabbouei

COMMISSIONERS

- Student Organizations – Hailey Biscow
- Communications – Alistair Whatley
- Athletics – Lundie Strom
- Publicity – Claire Kotarski

CLASS PRESIDENTS

- Senior President – Maddie Hausberg
- Junior President – Caitlin Roshani
- Sophomore President – Marie Kim
- Freshman President – Tucker Reynolds

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

- Senior Class
 - Diana Kim, Ethan Garber, Samuel Elias
- Junior Class
 - Helia Bidad, Shana Nazarian, Kyras Taylor
- Sophomore Class
 - Wen-Yu Chou, Tiffany Kim, Tara Vahdani, Ryan Moossighi, and Alex Feizbakhsh

WHAT DO WE DO?

COMMUNICATION

- Maintain and improve communication between the student body, teachers, administration, and other stakeholders

SCHOOL SPIRIT

- Boost school spirit on campus through spirit weeks, dances, games, and promotion of athletic events

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

- Promote student involvement and participate in school governance as defined by our charter

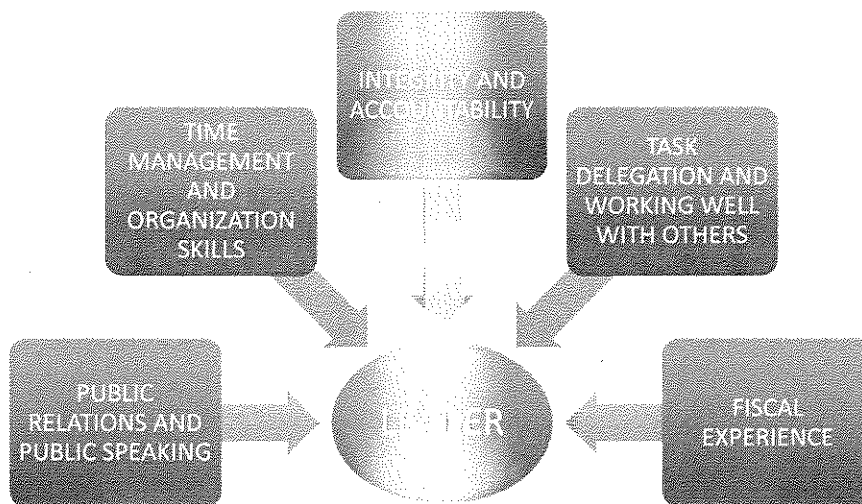
STUDENT WELFARE

- Provide various platforms for student voices and opinions

STUDENT SERVICES

- Assist administrators, student organizations, health office, and other school entities in their endeavors to service the school

WHAT DO LEADERSHIP STUDENTS GAIN?



PCHS Financials

Presentation Item IV. D

Profit & Loss Statement
December 11,2011

2011-2012

	BOARD APPROVED 06/21/11	Updated Projection	COMMENTS
ADA	2,747.0	2,762.3	ADA levels est. updated at Month 3 Actual projections(11/28/11)
Revenue:			
Revenue Limit Sources	13,012,759	13,085,236	
Federal Revenues	1,345,406	1,364,357	Slight increase in Fed Sp Ed Funding from Budget
Other State Revenues	3,798,222	3,765,057	Lower State Sp Ed Funding (\$117k)/Higher EIA Funding (\$75k) than budgeted
Other Local Revenues	5,116,011	5,076,753	Revised Permit Revenue for Staffing changes
Total Revenues	23,272,398	23,291,404	
Expenses:			
Certificated salaries	10,198,731	10,092,765	
- School Administrative	595,737	587,500	Lowered for Reclass of Cafeteria Salaries to Consulting
Classified Salaries	2,471,783	2,324,527	Open Postions still pending-Estimated
- Administrative	295,239	265,715	Act. Work Comp Rates higher (\$30k), Lower Cate benefits (\$75k)
Total employee benefits	4,480,858	4,429,703	
Total Salary & Benefits	18,042,349	17,700,210	
Books and supplies	1,557,252	1,313,189	Favorable Transportation/IMA Updates from Budget
Services & other operating expenses	2,652,600	3,007,691	Additional Cafeteria Consulting Exp. Offsets Salary/Benefits, Add'l LAUSD Chgs
Capital Outlays	150,100	150,100	
Facility use fee to LAUSD	449,618	449,618	LAUSD Facility Use Fees Est. at 2.5% of Funding in 2011-2012 (2010-11 includes prior year amts. Not yet billed)
Subtotal-Operating Expenses	22,851,920	22,620,807	
Debt service	96,267	96,267	2011-2012 Loan Updates
Principal repayment	324,194	324,194	2011-2012 Loan Updates
Total debt service	420,462	420,462	
Total Expenses	23,272,381	23,041,269	
Net General Fund Addition/(Reduction)	\$ 17	\$ 250,135	Fund Addition Available to fund other needs or add to reserve/ Reductions to be funded with reserve or other cuts
Potential Contingency Savings Salaries- if 5 less instructional days (Negotiable)		\$ 250,000	
2011-2012 Budget Contingency to meet funding shortfalls, as potentially projected in October 2011 State of California Budget Forecast		\$ 500,135	

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
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Human Rights Watch – Pali High's Human Rights Student Task Force recently sponsored a classroom fundraising campaign to raise money for the Human Rights Mobile Library for refugees from Darfur. Students contributed \$1,790.72 through a change drive. Chris Lee's classes raised \$817, the most money from the participating classrooms. This year the PCHS Human Rights Student Task Force is focusing on Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states that everyone has the right to education, which strengthens "respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms." For more information about this program visit the Human Rights Watch Student Task Force website www.hrwstf.org Faculty sponsors of Pali High's Human Rights Student Task Force are Angelica Pereyra and Sandra Martin.

December Assemblies

The First Grader – On December 16, The Human Rights Watch Student Task Force sponsored the screening of *The First Grader*, a beautiful film based on the true story of an 84 year-old Kenyan man who chooses to go back to school. To view a trailer of *The First Grader* visit <http://www.thefirstgrader-themovie.com/> The screening was open for students in classes whose teachers volunteered to participate on December 16.

"All Girls Assembly"- On Friday, December 9, 2011 during period 6 The Village Nation Elders hosted an "All Girls Assembly" in B101. The assembly addressed issues such as developing a positive self-image and self-respect. Topics included messages sent through choice of clothing, the perception of others, attitude, and sex/HIV. Students saw a video addressing the power of words and participated in a guided self-reflection. The Elders concluded the assembly with up-lifting, inspirational quotations. Pali appreciates the leadership of TVN Elders Tami Christopher, Jeanne Saiza, JoLeta Simmons, Marike Anderson, and Monica Iannessa in providing this meaningful program.

Dr. Faustus The PCHS cast of *Dr. Faustus* performed the first act of the fall play during periods 2, 4 and 6 on Wednesday, December 7. Students in several English classes attended the production and then wrote essays about the themes of the piece. This experience provided an excellent opportunity to expose more Pali students to the arts. Special thanks to director Amanda Porter and choreographer Cheri Smith with Monique Smith and the many others involved for their commitment to our students and the arts.

Educational Consultant Report

Council of Councils update

School Schedule for 2012-13

PCHS and UTLA leadership are working to provide information to faculty leading to a vote on Friday, December 16.

- 1) Friday (tomorrow): UTLA informs people that there will be a vote next week and stresses how important participation is.
- 2) Monday: We all go over the text of the ballot. (I have some first thoughts about the ballot itself.)
- 3) Monday afternoon: UTLA sends out information by email, puts printed information in everyone's box, and reminds everyone of the vote beginning Wednesday.
- 4) Wednesday morning: UTLA begins accepting votes from those who have made up their minds based on the informational materials.
- 5) Wednesday lunch: For those who want more information before voting, UTLA holds a lunch time meeting.
- 6) Thursday: Voting continues.
- 7) Friday: Voting ends and the results are announced.

Temescal Construction The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works/Proposition O will begin construction on the Temescal Canyon Park Stormwater Best Management Practice Project in January 2012. The goal of Proposition O is to clean up the Santa Monica Bay. The projected completion of this project is fall 2013. Construction work is scheduled Monday-Friday from 7am-5pm. The construction will potentially impact park use, bike lanes, pedestrians, parking, and traffic in the area of Temescal Canyon. Vikki Zale-Merriweather, Senior Project Manager, visited PCHS to share information about the project. She will contact PCHS when components of the project that will impact school traffic are about to begin so that PCHS can share this information with the school community.

Attendance goal met

Assistant Principal for Attendance and Activities Monica Iannessa and the attendance office staff reached a landmark goal when November attendance rates reached **97.2%**. Targeted messages to parents and students addressing the importance of school attendance as well as the financial cost that schools incur when students do not attend contributed to this successful initiative. The increase in student attendance helped the school generate approximately \$100,000 in revenue through the State Average Daily Attendance program.

Mock Trial Update: Two of our students on the Mock Trial Team- Lundie Strom and Arielle Sitrick- placed 1st and 2nd in the category of Outstanding Courtroom Journalist for all of LA County High Schools! They will be honored later at a ceremony this year. Overall, Pali's Mock Trial Team did remarkably well, beating the top 7 school in LA County. Thank you to Mock Trial sponsor Chris Lee, Jeanne Saiza, James Buckman, Angelica Pereyra and all others that supported and assisted the Mock Trial Team!

Athletics update Pali Dolphins continue the tradition of excellence. Congratulations to all fall season athletes and their coaches on an outstanding season!

Fall Athletic Final Standings

Football- Western League Honors

1st Team D Corey Richardson; 2nd Team D Roman Thomas
1st Team O Mylz Blake & Nate Breall; 2nd Team O Chris Rose & Michael Mell

Girls Tennis- City Champions Runner up

Individual Doubles City Tournament
Second Place Perri Zaret-Julie Takakjian, Third Place Jesse Zand-Katie Pfannkuche,

Girls Volleyball- City Champions

Molly Kornfiend -All City & Western League Player of the year
1st team All City Meghan Middleton & Shanna Scott

2nd team All City Maddie Hausberg
1st team Western League Molly Kornfiend, Meghan Middleton, Shanna Scott & Maddie Hausberg

Boys' Water polo- Quarter Finals

XC Team-Western League Champs

Boys XC- City Champions Grant Stromberg (individual champion),
Drake Johnston (3rd place) and Matt Hammer (12th).
Girls XC- 3rd Place in the City

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CBO REPORT
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DECEMBER 13, 2011**

V. B.

2010-2011 Updates

The Audited Financial Statements are in the process of being completed by our External Auditors and filed with the CDE by December 15, 2011. These statements will subsequently be presented to the Board of Trustees at the January 2012 meeting.

2011-2012 Budget

Enrollment at the end of Month 3 (53 days) was 2,892 students (2,897 last month & 2,852 in same period 2010-2011). This enrollment includes 248 students identified with Special Needs, 202 Magnet students, 77 students at Temescal (up from 73 last month) and 96 students designated as English Language Learners.

There are 814-9th Graders, 708-10th Graders, 720-11th Graders & 650-12th Graders enrolled. Cumulative ADA is 2,813.5 or 97.2 % of enrolled students (2,767.0 & 96.4% for 2010-2011). Preliminary ADA projections would indicate that the “Funded ADA” (YTD ADA after month 7) would be 2,762.3 (up from 2,745.5 in month Two). Budgeted ADA is 2,747. These ADA projections have been used in the latest 2011-2012 Budget forecast. The financial impact of the 15.3 ADA to the 2011-2012 Budget is approximately \$100,000.

- Mid-year Budget cuts are still a possibility for K-12 Education subject to the State of California’s Actual Revenues. The Legislature would have to decide whether to “Trigger” budget cuts that may impact K-12 Funding and/or # of instructional days. The last current forecast on when any funding changes will be issued by the State in Mid-December (15th). The maximum impact “Worse Case Scenario” to PCHS would a Funding Reduction of approximately \$714,000.**

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2011-2012 Budget (continued)

- **State of California Revenue trends have improved with its' early release of November 2011 results (see attached Fiscal Report-"State Controller..." dated December 9, 2011). While we remain cautiously optimistic that the current funding levels will be maintained, the Budget and Finance Committee has discussed the status of the 2011-2012 Budget based upon current projections and is prepared to evaluate alternatives immediately should funding levels change (also to be discussed in the December 12, 2011 meeting). While updated possible "triggers" have not been released, the potential funding reduction was \$180 per ADA (or \$495,000) as calculated from the October 2011 State of California financial results.**
- **Additionally, Educational funding support is growing based upon recent polls conducted that favor tax increases to support education (see attached Fiscal Report-"Poll Finds Highest Support..." dated December 9, 2011),**
- **A review of the 2011-2012 Budget and latest projections with potential additional contingencies are provided and will be discussed separately as agendized in Item # IV D.**

Cafeteria

The Cafeteria Operations continue show improved results for the 2011-2012 School Year. For the third consecutive month, the Cafeteria had a profit (preliminary results are \$2,139 for November). The 2011-2012 Cafeteria Budget of \$32,638 (vs. a loss of \$94,941 in 2010-2011) is on target. The # of Free and Reduced Students at PCHS is 902 or 31.2% of the Total Enrollment.

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State Controller Reports Revenues Up in November

[Editor's Note: We report the cash receipts number as calculated by both the State Controller's Office (SCO) and the Department of Finance (DOF). The SCO generally reports earlier. The DOF number is generally issued later, but is more comprehensive, and is the number upon which decisions are made regarding the "triggers." We look forward to reporting the DOF number next week.]

Today, December 8, 2011, State Controller John Chiang released his statement of cash receipts and disbursements showing November revenues coming in \$498 million above the projections in the State Budget. Controller Chiang stated, "While November totals came in 9% above projections, they did not erase the fact that we are still running \$1 billion behind in revenues and \$2 billion ahead in expenditures. Regardless of whether midyear cuts are enacted next week, the Legislature faces tremendous fiscal challenges when it returns to session next month."

After accounting for November's revenue gains, total year-to-date General Fund cash receipts are now behind 2011-12 State Budget estimates by \$1.018 billion. While still representing a considerable gap in actual versus estimated receipts, this month's report is an improvement compared to last month, when revenues reported by the Controller fell \$1.5 billion below the estimate.

Personal income and corporate tax receipts led the increase in November revenues, coming in a total of \$589 million above estimates. Lower than anticipated revenues among other tax sources partially offset these gains, resulting in a net increase over budget estimates of \$497.7 million in revenues for November.

In addition to the cumulative revenue shortfall, reported state spending is running nearly \$2 billion above budget through November, with Medi-Cal, mental health, development services, and spending on other local services accounting for much of the increase.

We expect to see the DOF report of November revenues released within the next few days, followed no later than Thursday, December 15, by the Director of Finance's disclosure of revised current-year revenue estimates and an announcement of any resulting midyear "trigger" cuts.

—*Michael Ricketts*

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Poll Finds Highest Support for Tax Increase with Education Reform

A survey conducted by EMC Research and commissioned by supporters of the 2012 Kids Education Plan has found that a strong majority of voters are likely to support tax increases if the funds generated are directed to education and are paired with reform. The poll found that 66% of likely voters said they "would be willing to pay more in taxes for schools if it went along with significant reforms to our state education system."

Poll respondents were asked specifically whether they would vote on an initiative that would:

- Create a revised K-12 education funding system that gives control over spending decisions to local communities and educators instead of the State Legislature
- Require complete financial transparency and accountability for all education spending
- Give local school districts more control over teacher hiring and dismissal decisions
- Provide substantial new funding for California schools by implementing a fair, broad-based new statewide tax for education

Sixty-five percent responded that they would vote "yes" on such an initiative if voting today. When asked if they would support an income tax increase or a ½ cent sales tax increase for "uses such as education, social services, public safety, and corrections," willingness to vote "yes" on the tax increase dropped significantly, to 39% and 44%, respectively.

Competing Proposals

Supporters of the 2012 Kids Education Plan include Children Now (led by former Assembly Member and EdVoice Co-Founder Ted Lempert), the Association of California School Administrators, Education Trust—West, Public Advocates, and several individuals. Their aim is to broker a deal among the various groups developing tax proposals "for the development of the single education reform and revenue initiative" on the November 2012 ballot. Education reform, according to the Plan's supporters, is:

1. A student-centered finance system
2. True transparency
3. Significant workforce reforms
4. New investments in education

Other groups formulating tax plans include the Advancement Project (headed by Molly Munger and supported by the Parent Teacher Association), the California Federation of Teachers, and the Think Long Committee for California (see "[Philanthropist's Policy Group Recommends Major Changes to California Government](#)" in the current issue of the *Fiscal Report*).

Governor Jerry Brown announced his own tax initiative today, December 5, 2011. Stay turned.

**Human Resources Report
Dec 13, 2011**

V. C



A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

- **Staffing :**

Upcoming Interviews:

1. English Teacher position scheduled for 12/14/11
2. Aquatics Director position (Interview date to be determined)

Pending Positions:

1. Special Education Teacher
2. Operations position
3. Lifeguards – on going

- **Benefits:**

Nikki Washington, HR Director will be meeting with the TWIW Rep on Dec 8, 2011 and the SISC Rep on Dec 9, 2011.

OPERATIONS, FACILITY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Report to the Board of Trustees for the Dec, 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

ELECTION

The committee elected Andrea King & Carolin Herrmann as Co-Chairs and Debbie Barnett as Secretary for the 2011-2012 Term.

PUBLIC ART

We are in the process of developing guidelines for public art on campus that will include step by step procedures from budgeting to maintaining art on campus.

POSTER/ FLYER

With the help of the Leadership class the committee is looking into the proper protocol for posting flyers and posters on campus.

TECHNOLOGY

The major focus of the committee for next 3 month will be:

- Prioritizing the technology needs on campus
- Reviewing/Updating the technology plan

PARENT LIAISON REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
12-13-11

V. K.

BOOSTER CLUB

Booster Club held its Holiday Potluck meeting on December 6 at an off-campus location.

News:

1. The Phon-A-Thon raised over \$50,000, \$28,000 of the \$50,000 was credit card donations. This is twice as much as was raised last year. It was helpful to have Pali staff members participate with the telephoning.
2. Karyn Newbill requested and was approved for \$750 for the upcoming Staff Holiday Party.
3. **Booster Club has raised just under \$100,000 in unrestricted funds to date**
4. Booster Club requests June 2011-November 2011:

June:	\$20,770.00
September:	\$38,997.00
October	\$ 26,547.50
November	\$24,910.24
Total Granted Requests:	\$111,224.74
5. Requests from November 2011:
 - **Girls Basket Ball:** Requested \$5,910.24 for the Nike Tournament, which takes place in Arizona. **Total approved \$5,910.24.**
 - **Robotics Team** requested \$10,790 for entry and supplies for a Robotics competition. **Total approved - \$4,500.** \$2,000 to apply toward registration, and \$2,500 for materials to build the robot.
 - **Pali Lacrosse** requested \$10,000. **Approved \$10,000.**
 - **Boys Basketball** requested \$5,262.25. **Total approved \$4,500.**

Total Funding Requested: \$31,962.49

Total Funding Approved: \$24,910.24

6. Parents who donates and additional \$2500 to their original \$2500 50th Anniversary Donation (\$5000 total) will receive an engraved Dolphin with their student's name on it, and will also receive two free tickets to the Silent Auction.
7. The Silent/Live Auction Dinner Dance is being held on Saturday March 10, 2012, at the Annenberg Center on Pacific Coast Highway.
8. The next Booster Club meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 6:30 pm, in the Cafeteria.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

PAC hosted Pali's Foreign Language Department at its meeting on Thursday, December 1st. On the panel Ms. Sandra Martin, Mr. Alex Shuhgalter, Ms. Dominique Vincent and Ms. Eva Pichlbauer, foreign language department chair, represented the department and Ms. Kimberly Theard, AP Counseling & Guidance Services, was present as the department administrator.

Ms. Pichlbauer explained that the department meets in PLC's (professional learning committees) meaning teachers who teach the same level of the same language work together to create similar syllabuses and common assessments. The three languages currently taught at Pali are Spanish, French and Italian. The majority of students take Spanish classes and Spanish is offered for native speakers as well as non-native speakers.

Ms. Theard told the parents in attendance that Pali is currently looking into ways to offer other language options. The current A-G requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State Universities include two years of a foreign language although many students take a third year for private college requirements. There are currently 1,810 Pali students enrolled in a foreign language class and the foreign language department has ten teachers. Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish and AP French are available for students who excel in these languages. The meeting was very informative and the panel of teachers answered questions from the audience.

PTSA

Thanks go to the PTSA for providing food for a special meeting of the Communications Committee which discussed Branding and creating the Pali brand. Discussion was led by Carla Levenson, consultant to Pali on marketing, branding and outreach campaign.

PTSA is providing a Holiday Luncheon for the Pali Staff on Thursday, December 15, 2011. Many thanks go to the PTSA for continuing this holiday tradition.

The Reflections Contest entries, the 2011 theme of which is "Diversity Means..." are due in the Main Office on December 15, 2011.

PTSA invites all students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators and community members to become Pali PTSA members. Individual memberships are \$10. Family memberships are \$25. Families who donate an additional "\$50 for 50" in celebration of Pali PTSA's 50th Anniversary will be recognized as Legacy PTSA members.

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School Goal Update: Goal 5

Goal 5: Establish a school-based development and fundraising program.

- a. Palisades Charter High School will seek out grant funding that supports school-wide goals and targeted needs.*

Measurement: Increase in grant applications submitted and funded

- b. Palisades Charter High School will develop and maintain an outreach program focusing on alumni, community, and business resources.*

Measurement:

1) Database of alumni, community, and business contacts

2) Quarterly review and report on results of alumni, community, and business outreach

PCHS has taken the initial steps in establishing a school-based development and fundraising program. The process began with determining what development programs are currently in place at PCHS. The school has been fortunate to have donors who have supported projects such as the library, pool, and school facility improvement. Meetings with parent groups established that the primary fundraising for school needs occurs through the PCHS Booster Club. In recent years, PCHS experimented with a school-wide giving campaign; however this was not well-established and was often confused with the PCHS Booster Club giving campaign. Although the PCHS Booster Club has been very successful in providing strong support for school programs, the group has seen a significant increase in requests as state funding for schools has decreased.

Development Consultant Carla Levenson joined the PCHS team in November to provide guidance in creating a targeted approach to fundraising that will support school needs. Through her participation in the November 2011 Communications Committee meeting, it was determined that a discussion of school branding was needed before launching a fundraising campaign and website redesign. A focus group representing all PCHS stakeholders met discussion through the Communications Committee on December 8 to begin the process of shaping the Pali brand. Ms. Levenson led the focus group through a discussion about five important questions related to branding:

1. Who is Pali?
2. What does Pali want to become?
3. What are Pali's areas of excellence?
4. What do we want areas of excellence to be?
5. What are Pali's Core Values?

The information gathered from the focus groups will be incorporated in the materials designed to represent Pali.

Website redesign has been identified as a significant need related to outreach and for school image development. Ms. Levenson is assisting in the review of existing contracts

for services with Edlio and Teacher Web to determine if there is a more cost-effective and user friendly system that serves Pali's needs. Members of the Communications Committee are reviewing website content for preparation of a new site map.

PCHS is researching model websites and giving campaigns from other organizations to determine the design that is most appropriate for our school community. A consistent message from donors is that a program that allows donations to go to specific areas is desirable.

Dialogue with multiple stakeholders groups has led to the development of a school needs/ fundraising priority list focusing on (but not limited to) technology, textbooks, and an integrated student data/ information system to replace the current LAUSD ISIS system.